Class 1 Recall
Multi Absorber Original, Disposable

Date Posted: December 13, 2013
Recall Status: Open
Recall Number: Z-0472-2014
Product Classification: Absorber, Carbon-Dioxide - Product Code BSF

Product: Multi Absorber Original, Disposable. M1173310 Multi Absorber Original, Disposable, package of 6 pcs. GE Healthcare, Finland Oy Kuortaneenkatu 2 FI-00310 Helsinki, Finland +358 10 394 11 Made in US Rx Only. The GE Healthcare Multi Absorber Original, Disposable is a disposable product intended for use with the GE Healthcare Advanced Breathing System (later ABS), the GE Healthcare Exhange Manifold, the GE Healthcare Compact Block, and the GE Healthcare Compact Block II (later Compact Block). The Multi Absorber should only be used with air, oxygen, nitrous oxide, halothane, enfuran, isoflurane, desflurane and sevoflurane. The device is intended to be used under constant attention of qualified professional healthcare personnel.

Code Information: 510(k): Exempt. The affected product number is M1173310 containing lot numbers 12001 through 13031. E2188574 Active Exempt BSF ABSORBER, CARBON-DIOXIDE

Recalling Firm/Manufacturer: GE Healthcare, LLC
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Manufacturer Reason for Recall: GE Healthcare has recently become aware of a potential safety issue due to air leakage associated with the CO2 Multi Absorber.

FDA Determined Cause: DESIGN: Device Design

Action: GE issued an Urgent Medical Device Correction letter dated September 19, 2013, to all affected customers via FedEx overnight mail. The letter identified the product, the problem, and the action to be taken by the customer. Customers were instructed to not use the affected product, isolate all affected product and return the attached form via fax to 800-535-7923. Once the information is received, customers would be contacted with an RMA and replacement information. If product was distributed further the notice should be forwarded to those customers. For questions customers should call 1-800-345-2700, option 2 followed by option 2. For foreign customers 1-800-932-0760, option 2. For questions regarding this recall call 262-513-4122.

Quantity in Commerce: US: 59,721 boxes, 358,326 canisters; OUS: 3,724 boxes, 22,344 canisters

Distribution: Worldwide Distribution - USA (nationwide) Puerto Rico and Internationally to Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Venezuela.

Total Product Life Cycle: TPVC Device Report

1 For details about termination of a recall see Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 21 Section 806.13
2 Per FDA policy, recall cause determinations are subject to modification up to the point of termination of the recall.

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